

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** 6:31 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL:** Almeida, Aronoff, Bedard, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke, Coates, Daodu, Einhorn, Farrow, Faustin, Gaudio, Hansen, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Kearns, Long, Meehan, Messineo, Mingoia, Moss, O'Loughlin, Prata, Puleo, Raupers, Rodrigues, Shah, Shurtleff, Simon, Sinapi, Slater, Valenti, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** **Bedard-** Motion to add Dr. Carothers to public forum, seconded by Prata, vote- passed

**D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** vote-approved ☺

**E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** **Holzman-** Motion for pledge, seconded by Bedard

**Bedard-**Dr. Carothers is here tonight and he has many things to do. Rammies are this week, but he's a busy man. In case he's not able to be with us at the Rammies I would like to present the first annual lifetime achievement award Rammie to Dr. Carothers, which was voted on by student senate on behalf of all your work over the years.

**Aronoff-**I'm going to pass around first night sign ups. It has everyone's name. Check if you're going to be here and whether or not you want to go in the dunk tank.

**Mingoia-** There is a bone marrow drive Monday, all you do is give a tongue and cheek swab and they put your name in system, Monday 12-5 in the union.

**F. PUBLIC FORUM:**

**Andrew Blais** – Jumpstart Recruitment

This is really quick, I want to talk about jumpstart, we are under AmeriCorps umbrella, and we have seen the president doing a lot of really good things. Increased size of AmeriCorps to 250,000 people, great thing to be active in. This year I've been lucky enough to be in jumpstart. It is for kids 3-5 years old in preschool, already behind socially or academically. I go up a couple times a week and read a book to them, they're extremely candid. You receive 9 credits and you get \$1,000 for scholarship, it's something you can really learn from and put on your resume. Looking for student leaders, and when you hear student leaders you think of student senate. I hope you guys consider doing this, it's a great program. If you have extra time and are thinking about being an educator, drop me a line or leave something in the office.

**Keith Killingbeck** – Northwoods, Proposed Research and Technical Park

I'm a faculty member in biological sciences. Before I talk about Northwoods, I want to say a few things about the man to my right. I've known Bob for 18 years and as a faculty member I see him differently than you. He's been a tremendous asset to this university. I consider him a great friend, and this is the only public opportunity I will have to thank him, I want to do that. That being said, I want to say things about site of potential research park. The beginning for me was October 16, 2007, when consultant groups were hired by the university to look at developing and building research and technology park. At meeting, they reported on possible sites at URI. There were four sites considered, top two scorers were Peckham farm and Northwoods, which is the forest north of Flagg road. That morning there was an article about prospects, and it mentioned that the park would be sited directly across from the north side of campus. We were told that this was the start of a dialogue on campus, there were opportunities for faculty and students to comment on park and site. Since that time, Frank Oulette and I have spent a number of hours and a number of meetings with individuals in administration who are looking at developing a park, and our contention is that it should not be sited in Northwoods. We've tried to look at compromises, alternative sites. At this point, we're still back where we were in 2007. There are over 1,200 students that use this site for class every year. Part of that is called the century forest because average age of trees is almost 100 years. It's an incredibly valuable teaching resource and independent research site. What I would like to propose, if senate would like to prepare a resolution I would appreciate it, is that the front 85 acres of Northwoods be set aside as Northwoods natural outdoor laboratory. It's an irreplaceable resource. Northwoods in its entirety is 325 acres. Much of that is wetland so it's not buildable, but there are other sections that might be used. University has a master plan and the plan that was certified in 2000 suggests that the northernmost part of campus is Flagg road and building should be done within confines north of Flagg road. Seems to many people involved in issue that there are alternative sites in the confines north of Flagg road. I understand they might not be as ideal, but again it's an irreplaceable research site. We've had former and present students write many letters indicating importance of area to studies, progress, jobs, and I would appreciate it if student senate would consider a resolution and recommend that part of Northwoods be set aside as natural outdoor laboratory.

**Dr. Carothers**-Thank you, I hold this man in the highest regard, and as for the issue he has approached, he's done so with integrity. I want to lay context of where we are and how we came to this project. As most of you know, the university has been losing support from the state of RI. When I began 22% budget came from state, today just under 10%. If we assume this trend will continue, around 2015 it will be zero. University has found ways to generate resources, tuition has increased by 400%. We all know that people with low and modest income are being squeezed out of the equation. We are using money to subsidize less affluent students, and this number can't go higher. Consequence is that research enterprise has been starved. As a land grant model we should receive money from the federal government, state government, and county government. Since there are no counties we lost that third. The state has never been willing to put any money toward supporting research. Almost all the money comes from federal funds. As a university we contribute a lot to match those funds. In spite of all of that, the university research group has starved. We're on three campuses, they'll all tell you same story. University decided that rather than pull more money from tuition and fee income, we should generate new income strings. We hired a vice president for research, created foundation. We decided to build a research park as a vehicle for the use of our partnerships with corporations that would work with them toward creating new revenue string. We are now at the point in the plan when we talk about research park. Site is important. When we started this we operated on assumption that companies would pay for park. I've said from beginning that we wouldn't put any university money into park. Clear from beginning that they would not do this and we would have to build it then rent or sell it. It's dicey because it's about the same drive from Providence to URI as to MIT. We have many good competitors out there for this activity. We're not on a major highway, not easy access to companies that would support this. We only have a small group of faculty here whose work is of a nature that corporations would want to partner with us. We have some stars, but nothing like our competitors. So, it's a risky proposition building a research park, and I'm reluctant to do so and use university money to build it. The exception to all of this is the concept that it would create integrated life sciences community on north side of campus. We said we were building a new science quad. We showed in all of those flyers the research park across the road. In 2007 we purchased 134 additional acres of land that went up in a stripe. We unified land so we have 300 acres. There is a place where town and South Kingstown had a dump. We were under federal EPA order to clean up site. Spent \$1 million on additional land in order to have both room to have park and protect natural land back there. When you look at the site issue its an economic question. Can we create an integrated site with all new biological entities? I understand that this is a valuable piece of real estate used for a lot of educational purposes. One thing we've proposed is that we only take 11 acres. We would offer to put 150 acres in conservancy trust. We need 11 acres though to build this. I want to be clear that all of the other sites are just too risky from a financial point of view. We will build some white elephant that will sit out there without tenants and I don't want to do that. If we can't find a way to find 11 acres where we can build a park then we won't build a park. I won't force this issue, but there is no other site that's economically viable. If the decision is that we don't want to do anything, then we won't do project. I regret that because I think it's a potential revenue stream. I appreciate everyone's desire to protect the land, but we're only looking for 11 acres. It integrates into science quad.

**Coates**-Why was new bioscience center built before issues were resolved?

**Carothers**-Building stands by itself, and because we knew that BISC was in very tough condition. Whether or not we did park we would still build this, pharmacy and chemistry building. No reason not to do that. Question is do we add this extra dynamic?

**Coates**- You mentioned 150 acres put in trust, 11 for park, what about others?

**Carothers**-The land at the bottom of the hill is designated for student recreational fields. We've used it for athletic programs. Right next to that is site by EPA agreement we can't build on that area. On north side of campus there is a piece we want to reserve for housing sometime in the future.

**Bedard**- Do you see any way to fit those 11 acres in and still have land to make both sides happy?

**Killingbeck**- I think there are other sites. Yes, I realize this is a tacky tie but it has planets on it. We have some disagreement on if there are alternative sites. Best answer is, I think, it appears to many of us that there is room south of Flagg road to put a park. There is a committee that has been formed to study idea and at least one person has already drawn up plans that have the footprint of park south of Flagg road. I understand President Carothers thinks that 11 acres is only place to build it. That 11 acres is right in middle of the oldest, most prestigious part of all the acres. It's the least disturbed, most important part to teach classes. 11 acres doesn't sound like a lot out of the total but it is a huge intrusion into that forest and as soon as you have development, there is data that shows it becomes harmful for the species that live there. Natural nature of the area is diminished significantly. We think it's possible to put it in campus south of Flagg road. Peckham farm is a site that came within 2 points of Northwoods on the rating scale. On the table

that consultants put together, 36 for Northwoods, 34 points for Peckham farm. Rating did not take into account educational value. I think if we put it in there Peckham farm would be better site. We hear that its farmland and that it's impotent but it's not clear to me why when some of us say it's a forest and its natural that it isn't taken into consideration.

**Long-** In terms of finance, you said we were going to attract researchers by building this, what does it say to potential biologists, that you're haphazardly destroying otherwise perfect environments?

**Carothers-** We don't have to build any park, this is a choice to build one because we think it has the potential to create revenue stream. There are not other sites where it would be successful. We could build on other sites, but Peckham farm has other people that don't want it built but now we've built what is the most important part of project, which is integration with science faculty and buildings. If we can't find a way to build park that does not preserve, then we won't build park. I understand the argument that anything being built is a problem. Other thing is if we went way back in the woods we would need to build a road to get back to it, and no one wants that.

**Long-** If researchers here are so in demand for this center, would they really mind having to walk down the road to get to it?

**Carothers-** This is all about convenience. The faculty wants convenience of walking across street with students. Reality is it's all about convenience. Researchers ought to be able to walk, but they have a choice; they can come here and do that or not. Our judgment is they won't.

**Rodrigues-** Yield time to Killingbeck.

**Killingbeck-** Make a point, it's not only convenience for those classes. For those classes that are 50 minutes or two hours long, if we had to get in a car, bus, we don't have enough time to do so. We don't have time to drive to a forest.

**Coates-** I asked Dr. Carothers the question because if one of major selling points was biological science quad, why was it built there before it was decided if park could be built? When you come to URI one thing they mention is that this is one of most horticulture diverse campus in country. As a Rhode Islander I've seen what happens when natural resources start being taken down.

**Aronoff-** Yield time to officer mark.

**Officer Mark-** You said 11 acres for park? You said there would be housing built also? How many acres for that?

**Carothers-** If we go up it would take about 20-30 acres. That's really in the back of forest, mostly for graduate students, etc. There's been lots of projects projected. We once were going to build a golf course back there. Market wasn't there to do that. It was one of the reasons why we bought the land.

**Officer Mark-** So a total of 41 acres?

**Carothers-** No about 25 acres, it's off of north road, different area. There's 325 acres, a lot of that is not usable land its wetland and must be protected. Out of that there is not a lot that can be built on, we would set aside 150 acres of that total to be protected. I don't want to convince anyone of anything just trying to present issue. It's financial from our endpoint, but partly it's to be able to fund research instead of pulling money out of university. I understand argument of maintaining forest.

**Officer Mark-** Instead of removing them, do it somewhere else and plant more trees.

**Clarke-** Killingbeck, where does century course run and how many acres is it?

**Killingbeck-** Imagine standing on north side of coastal institute, look at Northwoods, walk down to heathman...

**Weygand-** It starts near where the blue Butler building, went north and down in westerly direction toward Heathman road.

**Killingbeck-** crescent shaped, ballpark 20-25 acres.

**Weygand-** Professor Tom Dupree, has mapped about 80 acres of woodland that have various different ages of woods in there. Oldest is around 20 acres of 90-95 year old oak and hickory. There are other species that are younger. Tom has mapped out all of those areas.

**Clarke-** Park would fragment oldest part of forest?

**Killingbeck-** Yes it would intrude into that 20 acres and there's been talk of building buffers, but any time development occurs, there's been pervasions into system.

**Weygand-** We don't have maps tonight, but most recent proposal is to take 11 acres and slide it over to the side as far as possible.

**Sinapi-** Both sides are perfectly right, no one is wrong so before next week make sure you understand issue, show up next week and watch presentation because it affects university as a whole, show up and ask questions. Don't make a decision based on foolish beliefs.

**Rodrigues-** Are all three coming?

**Carothers-** No, I'm not.

**Holzman-** Given the economic climate, is this necessarily the best time to be looking at this in depth? There's still more phases, but in this time of economy construction might be affordable, but if its decided to be done is it a short time or should it be shelved and looked at again in maybe 5 years?

**Carothers-** We can't go out and market it because there isn't anything to market. We do know that one company is firm they would come out and do it. I think we're going to lose them because they're going to go to another site before were ready to go. No company wants to be involved in this controversy while this debate is alive, it's going to be very hard to convince anyone to come anyway. We're probably at least 2 years away from being able to say come build.

**Rodrigues-**yield time to Killingbeck.

**Killingbeck-** University has applied for stimulus money also, and if it comes, it can't sit around very long meaning that things have to be built.

**Carothers-** As long as you spend it within period of 2 years it's ok.

**G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** **Holzman-** No bills, but NAACP came for money because they are doing battle of the beats, it's going to be on a reading day, but it passed because it's been success. Gave them \$200. Gaming club came for 2 grants- programming to put on an event in near future and needed \$320, finally needed new furniture because stuff is getting old so gave \$300 out of capital improvements.

- **STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (SOARC):**

**SS-09/10-07 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of The 411 on the 401 at Level 4**

Whereas, The 411 on the 401 will provide a creative outlet for campus talent by showcasing musical guests, student film and media, student art, as well as opinion pieces by hosting a live show.

Whereas, The 411 on the 401 meets the requirements for recognition at level 4, and

Whereas, it is custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate recognizes The 411 on the 401.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Holland
DATE:	Wednesday, April 22, 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (3-0-2)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

**Holland-** Motion to refer back to committee, seconded by Aronoff.

**SS-09/10-08 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of URI Martial Arts at Level 3**

Whereas, URI Martial Arts will introduce both MMA and Capoeira in a fun and safe way to the students of URI through exposure to the physical fitness techniques and cultural aspects.

Whereas, URI Martial Arts meets the requirements for recognition at level 3, and

Whereas, it is custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate recognizes URI Martial Arts.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Holland
DATE:	Wednesday, April 22, 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

**Rep-** Club that consists of two classes and incorporates dancing. New growing sport MMA, lots of fighting sports. Both learning classes all students are welcome, and we will meet twice a week.

**Boiteau-** Do you have a trainer or are you working among yourselves?

**Rep-** I will be trainer, I already take and teach classes outside.

**Almeida-** Vote for this because it looks really cool, something fresh and new. Don't have anything like this on campus.

Vote-passed

**SS-09/10-09 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of El Son Sensual at Level 3**

Whereas, El Son Sensual will bring all different types of cultures together by learning and teaching members the values of different cultures through music and dance.

Whereas, El Son Sensual meets the requirements for recognition at level 3, and

Whereas, it is custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate recognizes El Son Sensual.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Holland
DATE:	Wednesday, April 22, 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

**Rep-**It's more of a multi-cultural dance group with lots of different style of dancing. Hip hop, Brazilian, cape Verdean. Trying to bring diversity. Were a dance group, Latin dancers, Cape Verdean, hip hop, open to any type of dancing it's not limited. Trying to get it on campus to encourage other ethnic groups to come in. We teach at different schools and have performances. Next semester trying to throw big multicultural event. Trying to imitate what EMA does but want to do a dance til 4 am. Lots of different types of dancing in all the different rooms in the union.

**Holland-** Group is different from anything we have on campus.

**Faustin-** How many members?

**Rep-14**

**Bedard-** For SOARC, we do have a lot of dance groups however they are all different genres of dance. Pass this group and then SOARC think about a way to incorporate all of our dance groups under some type of umbrella.

**Aronoff-** Yield time to Maureen

**Maureen-** Quick question. As you groups are passed come see me so we can get you registered for first night.

Vote- passed

**SS-09/10-10 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of Student United Way at Level 4**

Whereas, Student United Way will engage URI students to create a positive impact in the community through education and philanthropy.

Whereas, Student United Way meets the requirements for recognition at level 4, and

Whereas, it is custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate recognizes Student United Way.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Holland
DATE:	Wednesday, April 22 , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Next Week (Immediate Consideration)

**Rep-** Hi, I'm Kevin Colman. Over break I went on alternative spring break to Mississippi, this is a student version of united way. I have 60 numbers already and we would be working with united way in providence to do fundraising, volunteering, etc.

**Holland-** motion to immediately consider, Rodrigues seconds

**Clarke-** I think this is a fantastic group, great way to have URI students out in community in a positive light.

**Messineo-** They want to book rooms in union for next semester so we want to pass them now.

**Clarke-** You can book any time under recognition, any reason why you're recognizing them now?

**Holland-**I want to recognize them because we're wondering whether we have quorum for next meeting so we don't want to penalize groups.

**Bickham-** Could you explain what united way is?

**Rep-** United way is an organization all over the nation. The main things are working for education, volunteering in schools with children, working for people that don't have good housing, people that are homeless or don't have food, nonprofit or community service, all different states. RI only has one, very unique. They were excited because we would be young leader circle in RI.

Vote- passed

**SS-09/10-11 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of Student Nonviolence Involvement Committee at Level 4**

Whereas, Student Nonviolence Involvement Committee will provide nonviolence by using alternative methods of violence while creating a peaceful and united community.

Whereas, Student Nonviolence Involvement Committee meets the requirements for recognition at level 4, and

Whereas, it is custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate recognizes Student Nonviolence Involvement Committee.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Holland
DATE:	Wednesday, April 22 , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Next Week (Immediate Consideration)

**Holland-**Motion to immediately consider, Rodrigues seconds

**Reps-** We promote social justice and human rights based on philosophies of nonviolence. Reconcile conflicts and build community. We already have regular meetings and group membership of 8-10 people, working on activities for diversity week next semester.

**Puleo-** What is organization going to be doing on campus? Just to promote nonviolence in state or just here?

**Reps-** One thing is promoting awareness locally, center for nonviolence in multicultural center promotes nationally, I know that's vague but with diversity week we have a few events planned where we have a panel of people who show how they use nonviolence every day. We worked with SEC for Emanuel Jual show reaching out to child soldiers.

**Long-** Significant improvement in our violent involvement community.

**Coates-** Typo under first whereas.

**Aronoff-** Motion to change in first whereas to "by using alternative methods of non-violence", Holden seconds.

Vote- passed

**Holland-** Kim and I will be trying to contact all groups on campus to put it on website that we will have filled by first orientation. If you're part of a group or know a group send me the info so we can contact them when we need to.

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Coates-** Not much, put up know your rights posters in all dorms but two. Library will be done by end of the week. Besides that I've been

sending emails to professors who are doing things they are not supposed to so if you know of anything talk to me and I'll try to handle it. Adjunct faculty said there will be no more signs.

**Messineo-** Any responses from professors?

**Coates-** One so far, one was a professor with an online quiz due Friday, it will be taken care of.

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Clarke-** We went over future goals. We're going to start with improving the off-campus view of students. Kill community with kindness. BBQ's in neighborhoods, setting up student associations in each neighborhood, having a student contact. Different community service programs, clean up beaches and neighborhoods. Talks of intramural programs, create teams that play against other neighborhoods. Look at breakdown of Narragansett- who lives there? How much of an impact do we actually have on community financially?

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Aronoff-** Howdy, here we go. Rammies are next Tuesday so if you are a presenter or a special person, please meet in the ballroom at 6 on Tuesday. Dave will be going over certain things on how to present. Everyone here is invited. Everyone should be rsvping. If you are coming and would like to help, let me know. I've talked with Sherri, discussed final layout. Good job to Gianna, she has helped out a lot and stepped up with working with tech pro, thanks to Maureen. Next cultural event is America's best dance crew will be coming to URI. Joint program between Senate and 500 Family. It will occur during first week or two of school. Also working on multi-cultural president's roundtable. First ever Dave Bedard multi-cultural night. Half of committee will work on dance crew, other half on multicultural night. It's important that you come to first night, grabbing freshmen to run.

**Rodrigues-** I can't be MC anymore so Josh needs to do it.

**Clarke-** Do we have to write our own speeches?

**Aronoff-** Dave is working on mock speeches.

**Clarke-** Have you picked a student organization and President of the year, if not have senators send you ideas?

**Aronoff-** Yup I would like that.

**O'Loughlin-** I assume you got red carpet not a blue carpet?

**Aronoff-** Yes red carpet and it is coming from company that makes it for Oscars.

**Bedard-** Remember that this is an open event so invite people to come.

**Aronoff-** Senate event. So if you don't have a conflict you really should be there. Tell people in your classes, invite everyone that you know.

**Prata-** I want to clear up one of the emails. I mentioned that I would try to get Ticonderoga's. They are not a definite yet, going to be expensive. Don't be disappointed.

**Valenti-** Are we going to keep red carpet?

**Aronoff-** Yes ours forever.

**Clarke-** Is it band or tech pro?

**Prata-** Still need to get band to come in and sign.

**Messineo-** Jon, when do you need people for categories can it be any recognized group?

**Aronoff-** Yes. We have performers too not just people getting awards.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Sinapi-** For housing, Jess Stein met with Charles Hall with issues like URI 101 keeping dorms open past when they should, issue with door propping, and Charles Hall will look into everything. Arming police, there will be a bill on floor next week to be immediately considered. It is based on the survey that went out. Make sure you read it. I'll put a copy of results in office on Monday. Northwoods, issue is very complicated there are still other aspects, next week Frisbee-Fulton will present PowerPoint to show you how it's going to go down. I've swapped positions several times today so get all the info. Bill on Northwoods to be voted on next week also.

**Rodrigues-** Will we also be hearing from Weygand and Killingbeck?

**Sinapi-** Bob Weygand might be here, Frisbee-Fulton is master planner and will be here.

Killingbeck may or may not be here. Student groups may or may not be here. It is the last day of classes so a lot is up in the air.

**SS-09/10-12 Bill Calling for the Student Senate Opinion on the Location of the Proposed Research Park**

Whereas, the area of North Woods that is the proposed location of the research park in is an asset to students, faculty, and researchers, and

Whereas, the North Woods site’s development represents an unnecessarily destructive choice to a unique and valuable ecosystem, and

Whereas, building in this location will result in displacement of fifteen classes, of which have a minimum enrollment of 1,274 students every year, and

Whereas, there are multiple alternative locations for the proposed research park, and

Whereas, several of these locations would be more viable financially, environmentally, and academically, therefore be it

Resolved that the Student Senate express the necessity to avoid the destruction of the considered site in the North Woods for the reasons provided prior, and be it further

Resolved that the Student Senate supports the more viable alternative sites for the construction of the proposed research park.

SPONSOR:	Campus Affairs Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Sinapi
DATE:	Wednesday, April 22, 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	( 6- 0 -0 )
EXPIRATION:	Perpetual
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

**- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- a. **Director of Communications Simon-** I have a few different things, reworking material that we’ve been putting out to campus about Senate. Working on freshmen outreach, working on facebook group maybe. If anyone else has ideas on how to get freshmen interested in Senate let me know. I found old advisory forms, one that we’ve had. I put them over my desk. One would go out to committees and you would need to fill out event, description, goal, date, and anything you want me to do about it. That way if I’m not in office you can leave it in my box. Also for committees, I can use info you’re putting in advisory sheet for newsletter. Second one, giving to different organizations at presidents meeting. Pretty much same thing but a good way to get their events out there.
  - Bickham-** I got a letter from senate, will there be one again?
  - Simon-** Yes, for incoming freshmen and then people at leadership institute also. That’s two things. Only thing is, it’s more of a professional letter. Possibly do an additional letter about joining Senate.
  - Bedard-** I will be writing the letter that goes out in orientation packet, more of a welcome to URI. I find it redundant to send them another letter. Foolish approach to target entire class. We go to leadership institute and first night. You should pay attention to people that seek you out, they’re the ones that want it. Me and Vidhi will be at leadership, you should all be at first night.
  - Holland-** For facebook, were you thinking of creating account so it would be slightly less creepy?
  - Simon-** Does Senate have an account? If it does I’ll friend from there.
  - Holland-** I think that to invite someone to a group you need to be friends with them.
  - Holzman-** How will you send advisory forms out?
  - Simon-** For groups, it’s an info thing I can put it through newsletter and on website. It’s for monitoring purpose. Want to make sure advertisements are appropriate, and help the increase number of people going.
  - Coates-** Yield time to Maureen
  - Maureen-** When you go to ballroom in orientation, we go into there and always talk about freshmen seats on Senate.

**Sinapi-** Motion to move back to report, Rodrigues seconds. Vote-fail

- b. **Secretary Harrington-** Kudos to Juelia for all her work on elections already.
- c. **Treasurer Boiteau-** Paying the bills.
- d. **Vice President Shah-** Pay attention, the BBQ is May 3<sup>rd</sup>, if you plan on coming sign this sheet, give me \$5 at end of meeting or by next Wednesday. You can give it to Kim. We have our retreat on September 27<sup>th</sup> at noonish. It's mandatory. You have enough time to plan around it. Ropes course, thing after with SOLC. Noon-8. I am upset with you guys, people are talking in back, leaning over table. It's rude to people who can't listen. Also, I can't see your hand if you don't raise it higher.

**Simon-**Don't send around pointless notes.

**Clarke-** What time is BBQ?

**Shah-** Noonish.

**Messineo-** Do you still need a grill?

**Shah-** Yes I was going to talk to you about that.

- e. **President Bedard -** Thank you to those of you who came to Dr. Andrews. We were very impressed with her and she really did her homework on URI. That went well, but we still have two more candidates, we have same opportunities. Next one is tomorrow, Dr. Newman dean of college at university of Utah. He will be doing open forum in ballroom from 1:40-2:30, then coming to chambers to meet with students from 2:40-3:30. I urge all of you if you are available to come up to this room and hear what he has to say, ask questions. Useful chance to meet candidates. Dr. Dooley will be here Tuesday, we don't have his schedule yet but it will be similar. I'll email you that information. Thank you Gianna and Nicole P who joined relay of life team. As a Senate team we donated \$475, those of you involved in other teams I thank you for that. Our letter to BOG about tax increase, sent through all the big boys. Dr. Carothers will present it to the board for us but won't be voting until fall. Walk-a-thon for Carothers that IFC and Panhel are putting on, I will send an email with more information. Dr. Carothers celebration, April 30<sup>th</sup> celebration in Ryan center from 2-4. I was told that Tom and I are MCing this event. Come, there's food, activities, groups performing. Dr. Carothers will be there and you can thank him. Next day at noon is library dedication. Exec, let me know if you're going. There will be chairs set up outside library for rest of you. Thank you to exec for a great dinner on Sunday, went over goals. Everyone except Vidhi. Kim says thank you for the flowers, card, and gift certificate to Mews. She appreciates it. Thank her for everything she does for us because we wouldn't be able to function without her. Go to Applebee's, go to Rammies. If you're presenting get there at 6. It's going to be a great time so get out there.

**Simon-** When is walk-a-thon again?

**Bedard-** I don't have date yet I'll send out an email soon.

**Coates-**Last week went well for presidential candidates. I encourage you to come, you don't need to ask a question. Come and take notes.

**- RULES AND ETHICS:** no report

**H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**I. SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Elections for Summer Senate

**Boiteau-** Respectfully declines.

**Prata-** Respectfully declines.

**Shah-** We have Holland, Clarke, and Coates so far.

**Coates-** Respectfully declines.

**Shah-** Only people nominated are Holland and Clarke. Let them speak.

**Clarke-** I was on it last year, I'm going to be in office in Narragansett anyway working on lawsuit, so it's a matter of who will be here.

**Holland-** I will be here working with Bedard on revamping levels so I'm going to be there anyway.

**Bedard-** These are the two people I want on summer senate. Katherine and I are going to work on whole new recognition system. We are getting rid of levels and numbers. Figure out a way to categorize without it looking like a hierarchy. Hopefully, done by re-recognition. Amanda has a lot to work on this summer with lawsuit, hopefully we have results and can settle by end of summer.

**Rodrigues-** Motion to vote, Aronoff seconds.

**Aronoff-** Motion to skip discussion and debate, Rodrigues seconds.

**Opposition-** motion passes

**Aronoff-** Motion to vote, Rodrigues seconds.

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**K. NEW BUSINESS:**

**SS-09/10-13 BILL CALLING FOR THE ELECTIONS FOR FRESHMAN AND OPEN SEATS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2009 2010**

Whereas, Article VII Section A Part 3 Subpart a. of The Student Senate Bylaws states: The annual election for Freshman Representatives shall be held as early as practical each autumn, and

Whereas, Article VII Section A Part 3 Subpart c. of The Student Senate Bylaws states: The Senate may by legislation call a special election at any time for the filling of any vacant seat or the placing of any referendum question, and

Whereas, in addition to five (5) Freshman seats there are the following vacancies:

- Off-Campus Representatives (2)
- On-Campus Representatives (1)
- At-Large Representatives (4)
- College of Arts and Sciences Representative (1)
- College of Business Representative (1)
- University College Representative (1)

Whereas, The Elections committee has determined that the earliest practical dates for the annual election for Freshman Representatives and additional vacant seats are September 30, 2009 and October 1, 2009, therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Annual Fall Election be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 and Thursday, October 1, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and be it further

Resolved, that the declaration period open on Monday, September 14, 2009 and close on Friday, September 25, 2009, during regular operational hours of the Student Senate.

Sponsor:	Elections Committee
Bill Handler:	Juelia Simon
Recommendation:	Passage ( 4- 0- 0 )
Date Introduced:	April 22, 2009
Date Expired:	Upon Validation of the Annual Fall Election Results
Action:	Vote Next Week

**Simon-** Bill on the floor, if anything is wrong talk to me in office. This is just according to what Kim and I think will be open. I know you won't pay attention to dates but I did book everything. Pushed dates back because school starts later. Orientation rooms also booked for October 13 and 14.

**Aronoff-** 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>?

**Simon-** Yes, and times all set.

**Holland-** What's the recommendation?

**Simon-** Allen is not here yet so we couldn't give one but let's do it now. 4-0-0. You guys are required to do some time at information desks.

**L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:** **Aronoff-** I forgot to mention this, surf club is having an event on quad, dunk tank on quad from 11-3, its \$1 for 3 throws, money goes towards surf classic.

**Maureen-** Reminder for first night, if you're in a organization turn in form to register for First Night so group can get table. I'd like to have an idea so I can order tables. Chance I'm not going to be here next week so good luck with exams and have a great summer.

**Holland-** Groups do not have to be Senate recognized to get a table for first night.

**Coates-** Maureen did you get an answer from HRL?

**Maureen-** No not yet, on my list.

**Holden-** Motion to adjourn, Rodrigues seconds, rejected

Winners for summer senate- Holland and Clarke. Congratulations!!

**Holden-** motion to adjourn, Rodrigues seconds.

**M. ROLL CALL: AYE:** Almeida, Aronoff, Bickham, Clarke, Coates, Daodu, Einhorn, Farrow, Faustin, Gaudio, Hansen, Holden, Holland, Kearns, Long, Meehan, Messineo, Mingoia, O'Loughlin, Prata, Puleo, Raupers, Rodrigues, Shurtleff, Sinapi, Slater, Valenti, Van Fechtmann

Nay: Holzman

No Vote: Bedard, Boiteau, Harrington, Shah, Simon

**N. ADJOURNMENT:** 8:27 p.m.